not the Government re-opened certain toll-gates that had been abolished?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—Yes, in particular cases.

Mr. B. S. PUTTASWAMY.—Are the Government aware that the Madras Government is contemplating to re-impose the tolls?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—I hear so.

Sugar Factory in Shimoga Taluk.

Q.—38. Mr. V. V. IYER (Shimoga Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is it not a fact that people are urging for opening a sugar factory in Shimoga Taluk to improve their economic condition; what action has so far been taken on their representations;

(*b*) is it a fact that, before Mandya Factory was started, crop loan was given to the raiyats to encourage sugar-cane cultivation?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Yes. A committee has been appointed to examine the question and their report is now under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) No.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—With reference to answer to (*a*), what is the purport of the report?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Sorry, I cannot summarise the report here.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—When was the report received?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—About 2 or 3 weeks ago.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Are the committee in favour of opening a sugar factory there?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That will be known when the orders of Government are passed on the report.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Are the Government aware that as a result of construction of the Bhadra Channel, sugar-cane cultivation has increased by 50 to 60 per cent?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Perhaps that matter also is dealt with in the report.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Until a factory is opened in the Shimoga Taluk, will the Government kindly arrange for exporting the sugar-cane grown there to the Mandya Factory?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That question is under consideration.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Were there any non-official members on that committee, and if so, who were they?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes; Messrs. H. Siddaiya, T. G. Narayana Iyengar and N. Rama Rao and possibly one another.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Did the committee include any representatives of the agricultural interests?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes, and the Director of Agriculture was on the committee.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—How many meetings or sittings did the committee hold and who were the witnesses examined by them?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—I want notice; but I may say that Mr. V. V. Iyer himself was one of the witnesses examined.

Mr. Y. V. GUNDU RAO.—Was the investigation taken up with a view to improving the economic condition of the tract?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Partly so.

Mr. Y. V. GUNDU RAO.—Will the Government similarly consider the question of opening sugar factories in other areas which are economically poor and where sugar-cane cultivation can be encouraged?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

The Three Per Cent Loan.

Q.—41. Mr. Rattehalli RAMAPPA (Sagar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what is the object of raising 3 per cent loans;

(*b*) what is the total amount of loan required;